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Suburbs vs. sidewalks

NEIGHBOURHOODS

City proposes to add more, bypass local approval

Luke Simcoe
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Torontonians could soon see more sidewalks — whether they want them or not.

A proposal from city staff would allow sidewalks to be added to local roads during construction or re-paving without prior approval from residents or councillors.

Nancy Smith Lea, director of the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation, hailed the change as a step towards safer streets.

"Sidewalks should be considered a basic need for pedestrians. They're not an optional thing," she said.

Nearly one third of Toronto streets, most of them in the suburbs, don't have sidewalks. The city's official policy is to add a sidewalk to at least one side of the street when roads are resurfaced.

Until now, councillors have had to sign off on the sidewalk as a proxy for residents. And, surprising to some, "the answer almost always comes back as 'no,'" said Fiona Chapman, the city's manager of pedestrian projects.

Sidewalk debates have often been heated as people fight to preserve the sanctity of their driveways and lawns, Chapman said.

Ultimately, Chapman said the city's duty to comply with the new Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act trumps residents' concerns. The law took effect Jan. 1 and requires municipalities to reduce barriers for people living with disabilities. That means building a safe network of sidewalks in residential areas, Chapman said.

The proposed change isn't sitting well with some people.

"It makes me really angry," said Dana McCabe, who led a failed attempt to block a new sidewalk along Midland Avenue in Scarborough last year. The city "doesn't remember that we've lived here for decades. We've gone decades without sidewalks and we're fine," she said.

Chapman expects a report on the issue to go before council in June, coinciding with the city's complete streets review.

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It's a billion-dollar showdown

POLICE

Cost of law enforcement in Toronto gets a critical look

A city council showdown is brewing over the proposed $1 billion-plus cost of policing Toronto.

Mayor John Tory and Police Chief Mark Saunders are taking the threat so seriously that Saunders made the unusual step of visiting some city councillors to make his case Tuesday on the eve of council's debate on the city's overall $10-billion operating budget.

Saunders, promoted from deputy chief last year, faces frustration over long-escalating police costs amid a long-term drop in major crime.

Some councillors are talking about giving the police up to $25 million less than the budget committee and Tory's executive recommended. Those committees want to bump police spending by 2.45 per cent.

> **This is council's shot at forcing the police to reform.**
> Coun. Joe Mihevc

"Council has two roles with police — choosing police services board members and setting the budget every year," said Coun. Joe Mihevc, who called the chief's lobbying "totally inappropriate."

"We need to send a signal to the police that they are not exempt from the fiscal pressures we are experiencing as a city. Salaries, budgets, staff complement, paid duty — they can't win every fight. This is council's shot at forcing the police to reform."

Three sources said Coun. Michael Thompson, the economic development chairman, a member of Tory's executive and a former member of the police board, has consulted colleagues about putting to a vote a significant cut to the police budget, leaving Saunders to allocate the shortfall. Thompson did not return Torstar News Service calls Tuesday.

Coun. Janet Davis said there are multiple discussions going on about how to make Tory's proposed budget more sustainable, and trimming the police budget is one of them.

"I'd have to see the motion" calling for a cut, she said, but added that she wants to find $3.5 million to fund 350 subsidized child-care spaces and other money to help build skateboard parks.

Saunders, approached after he had left the office of budget chief Coun. Gary Crawford and visited others, declined to answer Torstar questions. He referred a reporter to the police communications office, which had not responded at press time.

Saunders and police board chairman Andy Pringle, in a letter emailed to councillors on Friday and obtained by Torstar, say they are aware that "questions are being raised" about the budget hike.

They note that about 90 per cent of the planned increase relates to negotiated salary hikes approved by council with Tory's blessing last year.

They also cite a recent upswing in major crime in the city, although there is no evidence of a long-term trend or that it's related to police spending.

"We have seen an increase in violent crime in recent months and are also dealing with an ever-changing and increasing level of cybercrime, victimization and national security threats," the letter states.

They also note there is a newly formed task force charged with recommending reforms to modernize the Toronto Police Service and contain costs. Tory has pledged that the task force will quickly find ways to implement sweeping changes suggested in a KPMG consultant's report.

Tory spokeswoman Amanda Galbraith urged councillors to not attack the police budget.

"You cannot contain police costs with arbitrary cuts — it's irresponsible and ineffective," she said in a statement. City council starts budget deliberations Wednesday morning. The final vote could be as late as Friday.

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Police chief Mark Saunders at a police services board meeting. MELISSA RENWICK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

POLICE PANEL: MEET THE MEMBERS

Former mayoral candidate David Soknacki and the city's former auditor-general are among members of a new task force with the daunting task of modernizing the Toronto Police Service.

The police services board announced the members Tuesday. Police services board chairman Andy Pringle and Police Chief Mark Saunders will chair the task force. Other members are:

— **David Soknacki:** Former city councillor and budget committee chairman.

— **Jeff Griffiths:** City of Toronto auditor general from 2002 to 2014.

— **Michelle DiEmanuele:** President and chief executive of Trillium Health Partners.

— **Ken Jeffers:** A member of the police services board.

— **Sevaun Palvetzian:** Chief executive of CivicAction and a former Ontario government civil servant.

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AT THE LEGISLATURE

Anti-racism directorate coming 10 years after bill

Debate over the acceptance of Syrian refugees and controversy over "carding" by police have prompted Ontario to set up a long-awaited anti-racism directorate.

The move comes 10 years after the legislature passed a bill to pave the way for an office to better track and ease racial bias in everything from schools to the justice system and the workplace.

Problems include schoolchildren being streamed into lower-level non-academic programs, lower high school graduation and higher poverty and unemployment rates for racialized minorities.

"The focus on issues of racism has sharpened in the last year, whether it's the carding debate, whether it's the Syrian refugees," Premier Kathleen Wynne said Tuesday.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said the move has been "a long time coming."

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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

Surprise: Sousa tabling budget next week

Pensions, pinot noir, and pricing carbon: Those will be the major pillars of Finance Minister Charles Sousa's budget next week.

Sousa confirmed Tuesday he will table the provincial spending plan on Feb. 25 — months earlier than usual.

That's to accommodate Ontario's entry into a carbon-pricing market with Quebec and California, which will ultimately bring in $1.3 billion for the treasury while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

At the same time, Sousa's winter budget will usher wine onto Ontario supermarket shelves, building upon the successful launch of beer sales in grocery stores last Christmas.

There will be wine in 70 supermarkets across Ontario this fall, rising to 150 new outlets in future years.

"I'm well aware of what consumers are asking for," Sousa told reporters after an Empire Club speech at the Arcadian Court.

"It's been more complex than with beer," the treasurer said, noting international trade deals are making things more difficult than breaking the Beer Store's monopoly on private sales of six packs last year.

Of the 70 new wine outlets, sources say 35 will be devoted to local VQA (Vintners Quality Alliance) products and 35 will be for foreign and domestic vintages.

Beyond pinot and carbon-pricing, the budget will also tout the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan (ORPP), the launch of which has been delayed for one year — to 2018 — in order to give big business more time to prepare.

Sousa stressed while Queen's Park and Ottawa "have agreed to enter into a national dialogue to enhance the Canada Pension Plan," Ontario's standalone scheme will still go ahead.

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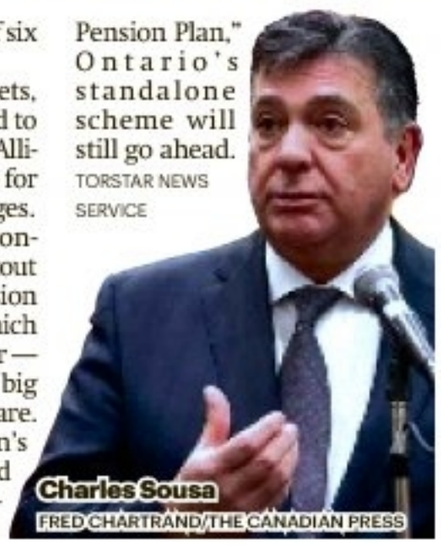

Charles Sousa
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Police seek CNE shooting witnesses

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Police are requesting the public's help identifying a suspect in a shooting that occurred early Monday morning on the CNE grounds near Muzik nightclub.

Early Monday, at about 12:30 a.m., a man shot a 25-year-old male three times, police said. The victim is expected to survive.

The shooting occurred in the parking lot in front of the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, said Const. Jenifferjit Sidhu. Muzik, across the road from the shooting, was holding an event at the time. Police have not determined if the club is connected to the shooting.

The suspect. CONTRIBUTED

The nightclub was the scene of a shooting last August that left two dead and three injured.

The suspect should be considered armed and dangerous, police said. Anyone with information is asked to call police, Crime Stoppers or 222tips.com.

IN BRIEF

Markham shooting may be linked to gambling: Police
Police are appealing to witnesses to come forward following a shooting in Markham. York Regional Police say they were contacted after two men — a 66-year-old from Markham and a 50-year-old from Toronto — walked into a hospital early Tuesday with gunshot wounds. Police say an altercation occurred in a Markham plaza Monday in which two men were shot. Police believe the commercial unit where the fight occurred was operating as an illegal gaming site. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wafting scents too Lush for residents

ETOBICOKE

Neighbours bursting soap factory's blue bubbles

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Residents of one Etobicoke neighbourhood are working themselves into a lather over the smell emanating from a nearby factory.

"It's like walking into a wall of very strong soap," said Joanne Currie, describing the scent on her street since Lush Cosmetics moved its factory to nearby Jutland Road three years ago.

Currie and other residents have been complaining to the city and the Ministry of Environment about the soapy situation since 2014. Now they're considering taking their concerns to court.

A Lush employee demonstrates how the Brightside Bubble Bar is made on the company's YouTube channel. SCREENGRAB

"We can't open our windows in the summer. There have been reports of headaches and migraines. One woman says she's broken out in hives," Currie said.

Lawyer Phil Trotter, who represents the residents, said Lush appears to be in compliance with municipal bylaws and environmental regulations. But, he said, other legal avenues are available to residents fed up with the smell of blueberry bath bombs.

"The common law of nuisance applies ... as long as there's interference with someone's reasonable use of their property," he said. "People say they can't even have a barbecue outside because if they're eating steak it tastes like soap."

In an email to Metro, Lush spokeswoman Brandi Halls said the company is aware of the problem and met with affected residents last week.

In the past year, the company has taken steps to "reduce sound and scent from escaping the building," Halls said.

Those steps have included "further sealing of the building and relocation of one of our production ranges."

The company is "in the process of identifying and reviewing additional options allowing us to further reduce any impact on our neighbours," she said.

Currie said she and others don't want to wind up in court.

"I hope we can find a resolution that doesn't involve anything legal," she said. "We really just want the smell to stop."

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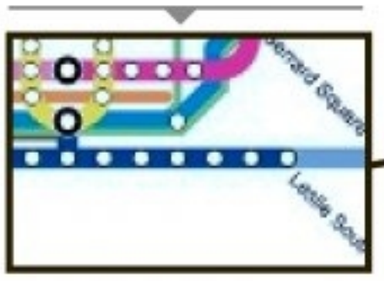
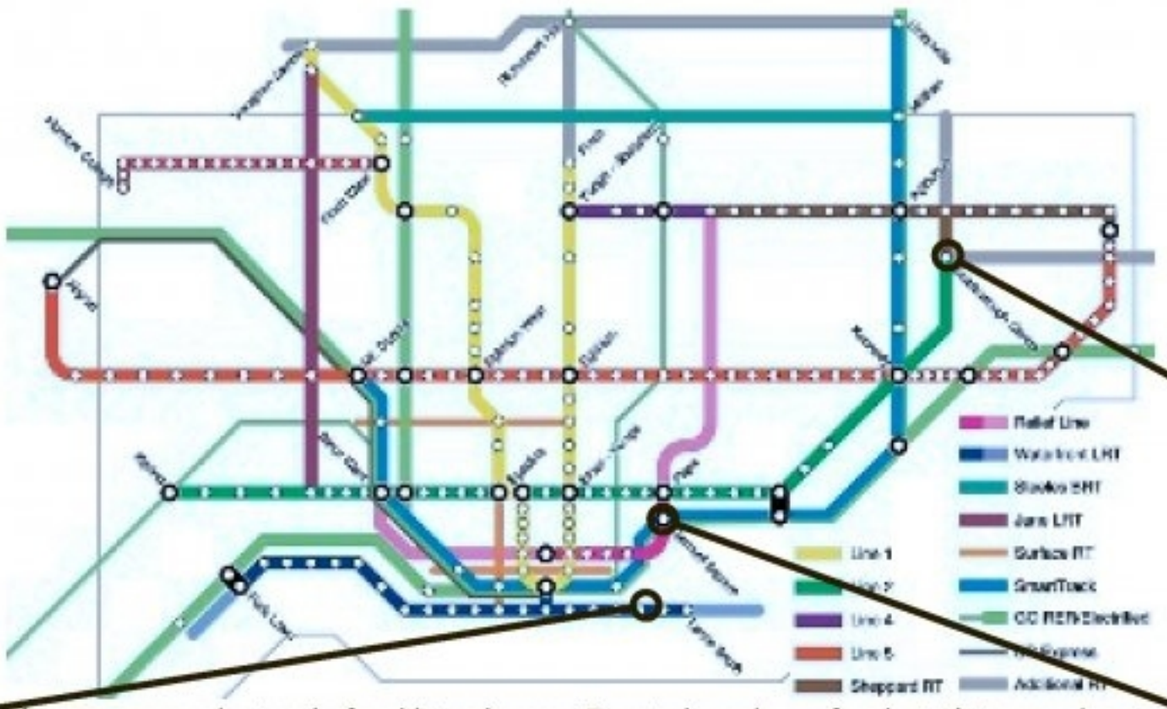
New and changing neighbourhoods

The 15-year transit plan unveiled Tuesday could change not only how Torontonians get around but the shape of the city itself. Architect and planner Ken Greenberg and Matti Siemiatycki, a University of Toronto geography and planning professor, said that change could be for the better, bringing new neighbourhoods and improving existing ones. Siemiatycki and Greenberg highlighted a few areas that are ripe for change if the new lines on Toronto's transit map become reality in 2031. **JESSICA SMITH CROSS** METRO

Eastern Waterfront

Development has already started here and having an LRT has long been part of plans supported by the city and Waterfront Toronto. The LRT will help the area transform into a community, filled with a mix of condos, townhouses, retail and office space, Siemiatycki said. The transit infrastructure needs to be built fast so the neighbourhood becomes oriented around transit, instead of cars, as it develops, Greenberg said.

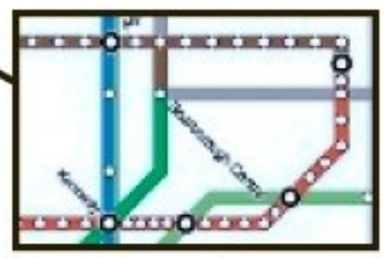




The new proposed network of rapid transit across Toronto is made up of projects that are underway or have been part of Toronto's planning process in recent years. It includes extending the Bloor-Danforth subway, the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, a relief line, SmartTrack/GO RER and LRTs along Finch, Sheppard, Jane and Queen's Quay. COURTESY CITY OF TORONTO

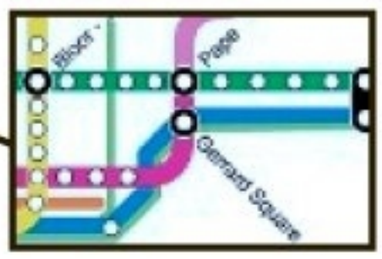
Scarborough City Centre

Extending Bloor-Danforth to Scarborough Centre is expected to be the catalyst needed to build a complete neighbourhood with homes, opportunities for work and community facilities, around the mall, Siemiatycki said. "Where you have large amounts of land there's opportunity, and when you're spending billions on these transit projects the key is to link that with land use."



Gerrard Square

The city's plans show a SmartTrack stop and a relief line stop at Gerrard Square, Siemiatycki said. The area Gerrard and Pape is made up of large parcels that could easily be redeveloped —including a couple of large parking lots and Gerard Square mall. "The community will have its own views on acceptable density, how tall the buildings are going to be ... amenities they want to see in there," Siemiatycki said.



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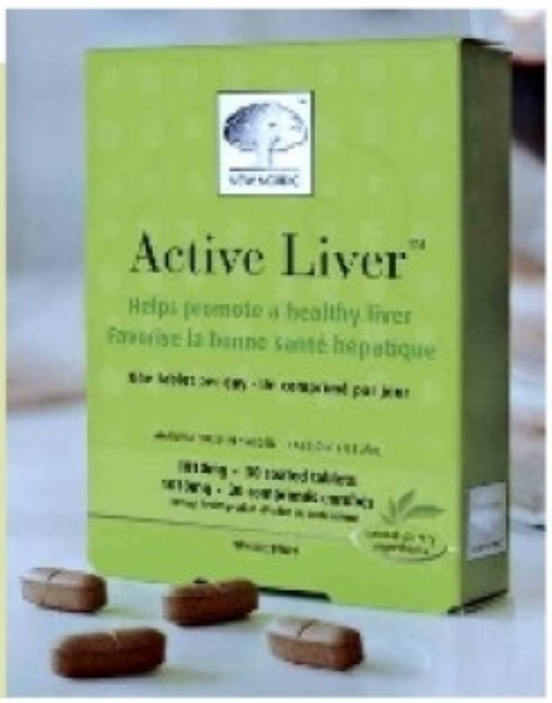

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Marc Metrick, president of Saks Fifth Avenue, in the new Toronto store.
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Canada's first Saks to open downtown

FASHION

Iconic store putting up first flagship shop in 40 years

Hudson's Bay Company has upped the ante in retailing at the south end of the Eaton Centre, with a flagship Saks Fifth Avenue opening to the public on Thursday beside a newly renovated Hudson's Bay store.

The Saks store — the first in Canada — is also the first flagship store for the brand in more than 40 years, said Marc Metrick, president, Saks Fifth Avenue, during a tour on Tuesday morning.

"We get to start from scratch here and define a brand."

Built on 169,000 square feet of space carved out of the Hudson's Bay store on Queen St. at Yonge St., the Saks occupies four floors given over to luxury brands in an opulent setting.

Among the furnishings: hand-knotted Tibetan wool and silk area rugs; hand-made silk pillows; hand-painted Venetian plaster wall coverings; and hand-hammered copper chairs, custom made in Italy, France, Istanbul, New York City, San Francisco and Toronto. A towering sculpture in glass, metal and light anchors the main-floor atrium, and on the third floor, hand-blown glass hangs from the ceiling above racks of luxury clothing, at luxury prices.

Metrick believes the luxury market is underserved in Toronto, particularly the luxury jewellery market. Chicago, a city roughly the same size as Toronto, has half a dozen luxury retailers, Metrick said.

In addition to the Eaton Centre store, Saks will open a location at Sherway Gardens on Feb. 25.

There are about 70,000 Saks card holders in Canada who shop online and at Saks stores in the U.S., said Metrick.

The Saks opening on Thursday will mark the first in a series of major retail grand openings this year, bringing in Seattle-based department store retailer Nordstrom, a new Holt Renfrew, and Maison Simons, a Quebec retailer that sells low- and high-end goods. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

+ NORDSTROM

Jessica Smith Cross
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Toronto is getting yet another American department store.

Nordstrom Rack — which sells merchandise from traditional Nordstrom stores at a discount — is set to open a 38,600-square-foot store on the southeast corner of Yonge and Bloor in 2018. The opening will come at the tail end of a boom that's bringing a number of higher-end department stores to the city.

Over the next 18 months Nordstrom is opening three other stores in the Toronto area — at the Eaton Centre in September, Yorkdale in October and Sherway Gardens in fall 2017.

"We like competition, we think that's great for the customer," said Nordstrom Rack spokesman Dan Evans.

COFFEE

Starbucks going express

Call it an espresso shot across the bow of the commuter coffee wars.

Starbucks Canada launches its first express location in Union Station Wednesday morning, just in time for rush hour crowds in search of that Grande or Venti coffee fix from the world's largest java chain.

"The express store takes what is best about our cafes and refines it for faster service for our on-the-go customers," said Starbucks Canada president Rossann Williams, just as final inspections were being completed Tuesday.

Offering all-day breakfast sandwiches and pastries, the new outlet will go head-to-head with the new stand-alone McCafe that opened last December nearby in the newly renovated York St. concourse, along with a smaller Tim Hortons kiosk.

It's all part of a big push to rejuvenate the established Starbucks brand and grab new customers in an industry that is struggling with flat coffee sales. To that end, Starbucks is set to launch its special tapas and wine menu at some Toronto locations along with drive-thru technology innovation, and it was recently first among its competitors to offer a mobile order and pay app on smart phones.

Meanwhile, Union Station is a high-traffic hub that is considered prime real estate for any business, particularly for on-the-go fast food restaurants, since the Toronto station sees about 250,000 commuters a day.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Plans announced for entertainment venue

WOODBINE RACETRACK

Facility set to open alongside start to casino construction

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A massive entertainment complex is coming to Woodbine Racetrack.

The Woodbine Entertainment Group announced plans Tuesday to partner with Canadian development firm Trinity and build an entertainment facility at the track — part of an ongoing revitalization of the Rexdale and Highway 427 area.

The 15,000-square-metre venue would seat up to 5,000 people and will include a stage for concerts and theatre performances along with retail space.

Building an entertainment facility was part of an agreement the city negotiated for opening a casino at Woodbine. The casino will be managed by the Ontario Lottery Gaming Corporation, but Woodbine Entertainment's vision is to incorporate gaming, entertainment and horse racing into one spot.

A spokesperson from Woodbine Entertainment Group wouldn't disclose how much the entertainment facility will cost.

The announcement comes as residents demand a community benefit agreement be included in discussions about the Woodbine casino expansion.

The new entertainment facility is expected to open in 2018, the same year construction on the casino is set to start.

BBB Architects — known for having worked on Madison Square Garden — designed the master plan for the new entertainment venue at Woodbine Racetrack. CONTRIBUTED

TORONTO COMMUNITY HOUSING

Retrofits would help offset cost of energy

Toronto Community Housing (TCH) hopes to benefit from a new $92-million provincial investment in green-energy retrofits.

The agency is among those expected to apply for the money that will help social-housing services adopt clean technology and improve energy efficiency.

Applications will be accepted this month, with money expected to start flowing in the spring. It couldn't come at a better time for TCH, which is on track to spend $142 million this year on utility bills.

Costs have increased by 37 per cent since 2012, and energy retrofits across the board could reduce bills by 30 per cent or more, said spokeswoman Lisa Murray.

"Whatever we can get from the province would definitely go a long way," Murray said.

Energy retrofits are part of TCH's 10-year capital repair plan. Projects include replacing outdated boilers and furnaces. GILBERT NGABO/METRO

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Three premieres for National Ballet

The National Ballet of Canada has reached beyond traditional repertoire to present three premieres in its new season, announced Tuesday by artistic director Karen Kain.

In March 2017, it will present the world premiere of Pinocchio, a work it commissioned from British choreographer Will Tuckett.

A Streetcar Named Desire, choreographed by John Neumeier, makes its Canadian premiere in June 2017 while Genus, choreographed by Wayne McGregor, makes its North American premiere March 29 at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Staff cuts on the table

EDUCATION

Board could lay-off more than 100 to balance budget

Toronto's Catholic school board is considering eliminating more than 100 education assistants to balance the budget by August 2019, which critics claim is a cross to be borne by the board's most vulnerable learners.

The move is outlined in one of three penny-pinching "roadmaps" stemming from a Deloitte report on the board's finances that was tabled last month. The firm was retained by the Ministry of Education to assist the TCDSB in coming up with ways to eliminate the board's accumulated deficit by Aug. 31, 2019.

At $15.3 million, the Toronto Catholic District School Board's shortfall is the largest of its kind.

Deloitte noted in its review that the TCDSB was saddled with several "significant and long-standing cost pressures," including the cost of special education.

As a result, one of the report's key proposals was slashing 260 special education support workers, known as education assistants (EAs), to help balance the books. Board staff instead recommended that trustees trim only half that number by the end of the 2018/19 school year.

Nevertheless, spokesperson John Yan emphasized that the cut is nothing more than a possibility at this point, and no decisions have been made.

"Nothing is etched in stone," he said. "We are planning a trip and looking at ... possible routes."

Lina Naccarato, president of CUPE Local 1328, which represents TCDSB's non-teaching staff, called the report "alarming."

"I want to stress and emphasize that any further reduction of a system in need of more, not less, will have future impacts on the students we serve and their families," she said.

Trustees will decide on potential avenues at a Feb. 18 board meeting. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

WEATHER

Winter station creation

Liz Beddall
Metro | Toronto

A lovely afternoon at the beach doesn't always call for flip flops and sand pails. The annual Winter Stations international design competition has returned to Toronto's east end, bringing with it seven architectural installations now marking the winter waterfront landscape from Balmy Beach to Ashbridges Bay.

Working with the theme 'Freeze/Thaw,' artists were asked to respond to the changing climactic conditions and transitions of the Toronto winter with their creations, using lifeguard stands as the skeleton of their work.

1 **Flow** by Calvin Fung and Victor Huynh.

2 **A community firepit** built for Winter Stations visitors.

3 **The Steam Canoe** by OCADU.

4 **In the Belly of a Bear** by Caitlind r.c Brown, Wayne Garrett and Lane Shordee.

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Presidential campaign ad misses the landmark

POLITICS

Footage of Vancouver used in video celebrating U.S.

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver has found itself unwittingly thrust into the U.S. presidential race after a new campaign ad for Republican candidate Marco Rubio mistakenly featured footage of the Canadian city's downtown skyline.

The ad, which was released over the weekend, opens with a scenic sunrise shot of a tugboat with a city in the background as a narrator says, "It's morning again in America" — a reference to Ronald Reagan's 1984 campaign slogan that used the same line.

The only problem? The city in the background isn't in America.

It's unmistakably Vancouver's iconic downtown skyline, seen across the Burrard Inlet.

The city's Harbour Centre is clearly visible in the shot, as are the cranes at Port Metro Vancouver. A small Canadian flag can even be seen flying on the back of the tugboat.

Rubio's campaign manager reportedly told Buzzfeed, which first reported on the footage, that the use of the clip was a mistake.

It appears the footage originated from Shutterstock and was shot by Vancouver-based videographer Guy Chevasse.

Another video from Chevasse that appears to be shot on the same day shows another unmistakable Vancouver landmark — the five white sails atop Canada Place.

A screenshot of the opening scene of U.S. presidential candidate Marco Rubio's new campaign ad, Morning Again, which mistakenly uses stock footage of Vancouver but identifies it as America. YOUTUBE

Co-operation the only way up north

METRO'S ARCTIC ADVENTURE

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Less than a decade ago, the Polar Continental Shelf Program (PCSP) compound northwest of Resolute on Cornwallis Island, Nunavut, could support about 62 people. Today, it can handle as many as 240.

The compound — which houses living and office quarters and provides meals, accommodations, transportation and field equipment to research groups in the Canadian Arctic — has "expanded four-fold in a very, very short time," said acting PCSP Chief of Arctic Logistics Tim McCagherty.

Rapid expansion came thanks to co-operation integral to all operations in the high Arctic.

"If you're not all working together, nothing happens," McCagherty said. "Nobody stands alone in the Arctic."

In this case, the co-operation is between the PCSP — backed by Natural Resources Canada, Environment Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans — and the Canadian Forces Arctic Training Centre via the Department of National Defence.

In 2007, the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) received "the Canada First Defence strategy," which mandated an increase in CAF Arctic presence and sovereignty defence.

"When (that) came up… the military turned around and said, 'Okay, we've got to do an assessment of where we should place (a base of operations) and what should this facility do,'" said Lt. Col. Luc St. Denis.

The PCSP was thus established in the middle of the Canadian Arctic and has one of the longest runways this far north, bar few, allowing for the kind of air projection vital to responding to sovereign threats almost anywhere north of Churchill.

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Today, the PCSP provides support to more than 140 camps from the Resolute base and has operated in more than 2,000 locations in the Canadian Arctic, touching every island there is. METRO

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George W. Bush gives takedown on Trump

REPUBLICAN RACE

'Humility' is needed in office, says former President

George W. Bush never mentioned Donald Trump. But with his folksy touch, the former president unleashed a tough takedown of the billionaire businessman who has upended a Republican Party his family has long led.

"I understand Americans are angry and frustrated," Bush said Monday during his first campaign rally for his brother, Jeb Bush. "But we do not need somebody in the Oval Office who mirrors and inflames our anger and frustration."

Trump's rise has confounded the Bush family and its allies. But despite months of predicting the brash billionaire would fade, it's Jeb Bush whose White House hopes are in peril, particularly if he's unable to pull out a strong showing in Saturday's South Carolina primary.

The former president emerged from his self-imposed political hibernation to try to give Bush a President's Day boost. He layered each validation of his younger brother with an implicit critique of Trump.

He urged voters to back a candidate who will be "measured and thoughtful" on the world stage. A candidate whose "humility" helps him understand what he doesn't know. A candidate who can win in November's general election.

"All the sloganeering and all the talk doesn't matter if we don't win," Bush said. "We need somebody who can take a positive message across the country."

With his brother as a strong warmup act, Jeb Bush delivered an impassioned version of his campaign speech.

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Former President George W. Bush speaks in support of his brother, Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush, at a campaign rally in North Charleston, South Carolina.

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EAGLES OF DEATH METAL

Band back in Paris for survivors' show

California rock band Eagles of Death Metal performed Tuesday at a highly charged Paris concert filled with fans who survived a terrifying massacre and siege at their last Paris show — and filled with memories of those who didn't.

"Bonsoir Paris, we're ready for this!" frontman Jesse Hughes told the crowd at the Olympia concert hall, before heading straight into their first song. Later, between two songs, he added: "Peace, Love and Rock and Roll!"

The band's performance Nov. 13 at the Bataclan concert hall turned into a bloodbath when Islamic extremist suicide bombers stormed in, as near-simultaneous attacks hit cafes and a stadium around Paris. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Frontman Jesse Hughes

JEAN-NICOLAS GUILLO/LE PARISIEN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Judge denies Cosby appeal

Bill Cosby's criminal sexual-assault case appears to be headed toward an evidence hearing after a judge denied his latest effort to throw the charges out. In a ruling Tuesday, the judge who refused to dismiss the case earlier this month denied Cosby's appeal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UN: Modified insects may be needed to stop virus

The World Health Organization says it may be necessary to use controversial methods like genetically modified mosquitoes to wipe out the insects that are spreading the Zika virus across the Americas.

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Not afraid to dream big

MIDDLE EAST

Girls fleeing Syrian war share hopes for the future

For the adolescent girls who have fled war in Syria for life in Jordan's refugee camps, the future can seem as uncertain as the past.

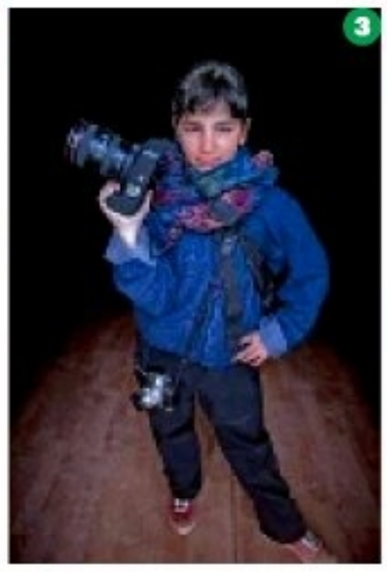
And yet, they have reasons to dream like anyone else. That's the message of the Vision not Victim campaign by the International Rescue Committee. Photographer Meredith Hutchinson invited the girls of the camps to map out their professional futures, meet female mentors and realize their potential.

The girls then designed their own photo, where they posed as their future self.

1 Rama (Age 13): Future doctor. "Walking down the street as a young girl in Syria or Jordan, I encountered many people suffering — sick or injured — and I always wanted to have the power and skills to help them. Now, as a great physician in my community, I have that ability. Easing someone's pain is the most rewarding aspect of my job. To be able to give them relief and make them smile — this is what I love most."

2 Fatima (Age 16): Future architect. "I've always wanted to be an architect. Yet, when I was young people told me that this is not something a woman could achieve, and they encouraged me to pursue a more 'feminine' profession. But I dreamt constantly of making beautiful homes for families, and designing buildings that bring people joy.

"Now that I've reached my vision, I hope I am a model for other girls, showing them that you should never give up on your dream — no matter what others say."



3 Muntaha (Age 12): Future photographer. "Since I was a young girl, I loved taking people's photographs. I loved going to different events and documenting what was happening — both the good and bad. Now, as a professional photographer, I use my images to inspire hope in others — to encourage love and understanding."

4 Amani (Age 10): Future pilot. "Even before I had ever been on a plane, I knew I wanted to be a pilot. When I was younger, my brother always told me that a girl can't be a pilot, but I knew deep down this is what I wanted to do. I finished my studies and found a way to get to flight school.

"Now, not only do I get to live my dream, but I also get to help people travel, to see the world, and discover new places."

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REFUGEE CRISIS

Syrian boy writes to monarch

A 12-year-old Syrian boy is hoping for an audience with Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf after describing his family's perilous journey to the Nordic country in a moving letter to the figurehead monarch. The royal palace confirmed Tuesday that the king had received the letter from Ahmed. The family is still waiting to hear whether it will be granted refugee status. Ahmed wrote that his family lived happily in Aleppo, Syria, "until the war started with the sound of missiles."

Ahmed wrote the letter in Arabic. Pooja Sharafi, a counsellor at the school where Ahmed is enrolled, helped him get it translated into Swedish.

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Ahmed mails an emotional letter to King Carl XVI Gustaf. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Employers embrace new vacation model

EMPLOYEE MANAGEMENT

Unlimited paid holidays the 'right' thing for workers: CEO

Some companies are shifting to open-ended vacation policies, saying they trust their staff. Miovision, a Waterloo-based company, has extended the policy to all 300 of its staff. ISTOCK

Just weeks after a Vancouver company introduced unlimited paid vacation in January, some employees are already off on holidays in Thailand.

"These are high-quality people, who will come back more refreshed, better than ever," said Jeff Booth, chief executive officer of BuildDirect, an online home-improvement marketplace that sells everything from flooring to kitchens.

"We feel it's the right thing for our employees. Instead of measuring hours, we measure output," said Booth, who says he took seven weeks of vacation last year including a three-week trip to Vietnam.

"If my best person came to me and said, 'I really need this time, a paid vacation.' Would I give it to them? I would," he said, adding he would grant such vacation to others.

The policy now means all 300 employees have access to unlimited paid vacation, including staff in the warehouse. There are still rules — including limiting it generally to no more than four consecutive weeks, as many times over the course of the year — though a manager could give the sign-off on longer periods.

Miovision, a Waterloo-based traffic management company, also brought in the new unlimited paid vacation policy last month, part of a push to emphasize trust, but also formalizing what had essentially been an unwritten rule.

"The idea is take as much vacation time as you need, but we're all here to build the future," said Miovision's CEO Kurtis McBride.

The idea hasn't worked at some companies including crowdfunding website Kickstarter, which reverted back to fixed vacation days last fall.

Julian Barling, Borden chair of leadership at Smith School of Business, noted that the traditional model of limiting vacation days was built on fear that people would escape the workplace.

"In the workplaces of the current era, we are trying to construct workplaces that are very different, where autonomy is very important," he said. "It does not mean doing everything and anything they want." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TECH SECTOR

Feds study report to boost startups

The federal government is closely studying recommendations on how to help Canadian tech startups grow into global success stories — transformations that could eventually provide a boost for the ailing economy.

The findings are under analysis by the government, which has also been told internally that building small and medium tech firms into billion-dollar players remains a key challenge.

The review comes amid debate on how best to revive the economy and was commissioned by the federal and Ontario governments.

The analysis comes as the Liberals prepare their first budget, expected late next month. Some anticipate the fiscal blueprint to include measures to boost the tech and startup sectors.

To get there, it explored six "priority areas." These include focusing on identifying high-potential companies, improving accountability by demanding better reporting and more data transparency from startup assistance groups, attracting more large corporations to participate in the success of Canadian incubators and accelerators, boost the quality of mentor programs, expose startups to international markets, and explore new models to increase the role of investors in startups. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Paying bills hard for many

An Ipsos Reid poll finds nearly half of Canadians surveyed are within $200 per month of being unable to pay their bills and make debt payments. About a quarter were already unable to cover bills and payments. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

I have a fairly large family spread around the world. We use Skype and FaceTime a lot. It really bothers me when someone sticks a camera in my face and forces me to have a conversation. How do I stop that without being rude?

Dear Ellen,

I have a fairly large family spread around the world, so we find ourselves using Skype and FaceTime a lot. It really bothers me when I'm minding my own business and someone just sticks a camera in front of me and forces me to have a conversation with that person. It happens over the phone too, but that can be avoided by making signals.

Is there a way to stop that without being rude?

Andrés, Toronto

Dear Andrés,

As part of a large family spread out across Canada, I know this problem well and can speak to it from both sides. I've been the person trying to eat dinner when a laptop is suddenly inserted between me and my mashed potatoes. And though certain of my relatives might resemble a mound of lumpy, whitish starch covered in grease, I much prefer the edible variety on my plate.

So, whilst my lovely tubers grow cold (and as every potato-lover knows, they can never be reheated to their first, fresh glory), I make small talk with faraway people who are starting to look seasick from being passed around the table like a dish no one really wants, but which everyone feels obliged to sample for fear of offending the cook.

I've also been the seasick face on the screen, shuttled between siblings who love me dearly but already know I'm fine and are too busy yelling at their children to give my latest theory about the weather the attention I think it deserves. Their solution is to pass me on to the kids — who, I'm proud to report, are assiduously polite. I daresay, if I weren't a student of etiquette, even I'd be fooled by the skill with which they cut short my questions about their dreams and hopes for the future and insist on sharing their beloved aunt with the younger ones.

As with many matters of etiquette, my answer to your question must start with 'It depends.'

Alas, the whole staying-connected-via-the-Internet experiment really falls apart when you involve the under-five set. I hate to be critical but if I wanted to watch a fast-motion, shaky-cam montage of the ceilings, walls and floors of several rooms, I could easily do that at home. Nor do these violently exuberant toddlers know how to gracefully say goodbye. The last time I attended a family event via Skype, I was left face-down on a staircase screaming "Hello? Hello? I'm here! Is anyone there?" It felt like a giant, depressing metaphor for my life. Then again, attending family events in person often ends with the same sensation, so perhaps I can't blame everything on video chats.

As with many matters of etiquette, Andrés, my answer to your question must start with "It depends." If you are comfortable discussing the issue with family members, you might find you're not alone in feeling unpleasantly ambushed by computer screens at the table. You could discuss planning ahead, setting a firm time to talk when you're prepared, your mouth isn't full, and — if you're at all vain — you've had time to fix your hair and powder your nose for the camera.

If your family isn't open to your concerns, or they're terrible at planning, you have several choices:

1) Take the initiative and be the first to get the video call going. This gives you full control of when the conversation happens and puts you on the business end of shoving laptops into faces. As de facto moderator, you can also humbly cut your own time short in consideration of others.

2) Discreetly disconnect the modem or, even better, leave it lying facedown on a distant staircase or under a pile of coats. If there are toddlers on-site, this can easily be accomplished without raising suspicion — though I hasten to add it would be very bad manners to allow any small, innocent person to be punished for your actions.

3) Bite the bullet, take the long view and submit. It's annoying but it's only a few minutes of your life and it could mean an awful lot to the person at the other end. And, of course, don't talk with your mouth full.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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What's anti-feminist is pitting women against each other

You can't swing a media brand without hearing about the great rupture in American feminism, a split deeper than DD cleavage, a cat fight extraordinaire, mano-a-mano — or, since the Spanish word for "hand" sounds so much like "man," mujer vs. mujer.

The schism first appeared a month ago and has reached a media fever pitch: Young women are choosing Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton, to their elders' outrage.

Let's begin with the obvious: Not all young women are choosing Sanders (celebrity example: Lena Dunham) and not all older women are choosing Clinton (example: Susan Sarandon). Also: not all women vote Democratic.

Still, the debate is real enough that pro-Clinton former U.S. secretary of state Madeleine Albright got all evangelical last week, warning of "a special place in hell for women who don't help each other" — an absurdly ill-fitting threat, since Sanders supporters aren't the most religious.

She probably meant to say "a special place in the Clintons' bad books." But all this Shakespearean-level gender drama presented by the media is overrated.

First: The debate feels pretty white. Despite notable supporters, including rapper Killer Mike and a former NAACP chair, polls show black and Hispanic voters skew heavily Clinton. And since I couldn't find a single poll detailing how black or Hispanic women are voting by age, I guess no one's that curious about where race plays into this feminist end-of-unity.

Second: The debate is partly misdiagnosed. Yes, young women are feeling the Bern, but so are all young people. It's not a problem with feminism, it's a problem with the generations at large. Young voters are concerned with poverty, income inequality and the dismantling of establishment power — all things Sanders has championed. Older women (and the media) are misreading this as indifference to gender politics — even, bizarrely, Gloria Steinem. As an early champion of viewing oppression beyond the gender lens and into class and race, I would have expected her to understand.

Lastly: Both candidates would probably be OK for women. They both support abortion rights, same-sex marriage, expanding Obamacare and raising the minimum wage.

The anti-climactic truth is neither choice is anti-feminist. What's anti-feminist is pitting women against each other, as if there were only one right way to be. It's also an underwhelming tactic to garner votes. Case in point: Fire-and-brimstone Albright has since apologized for telling other women to go to hell.

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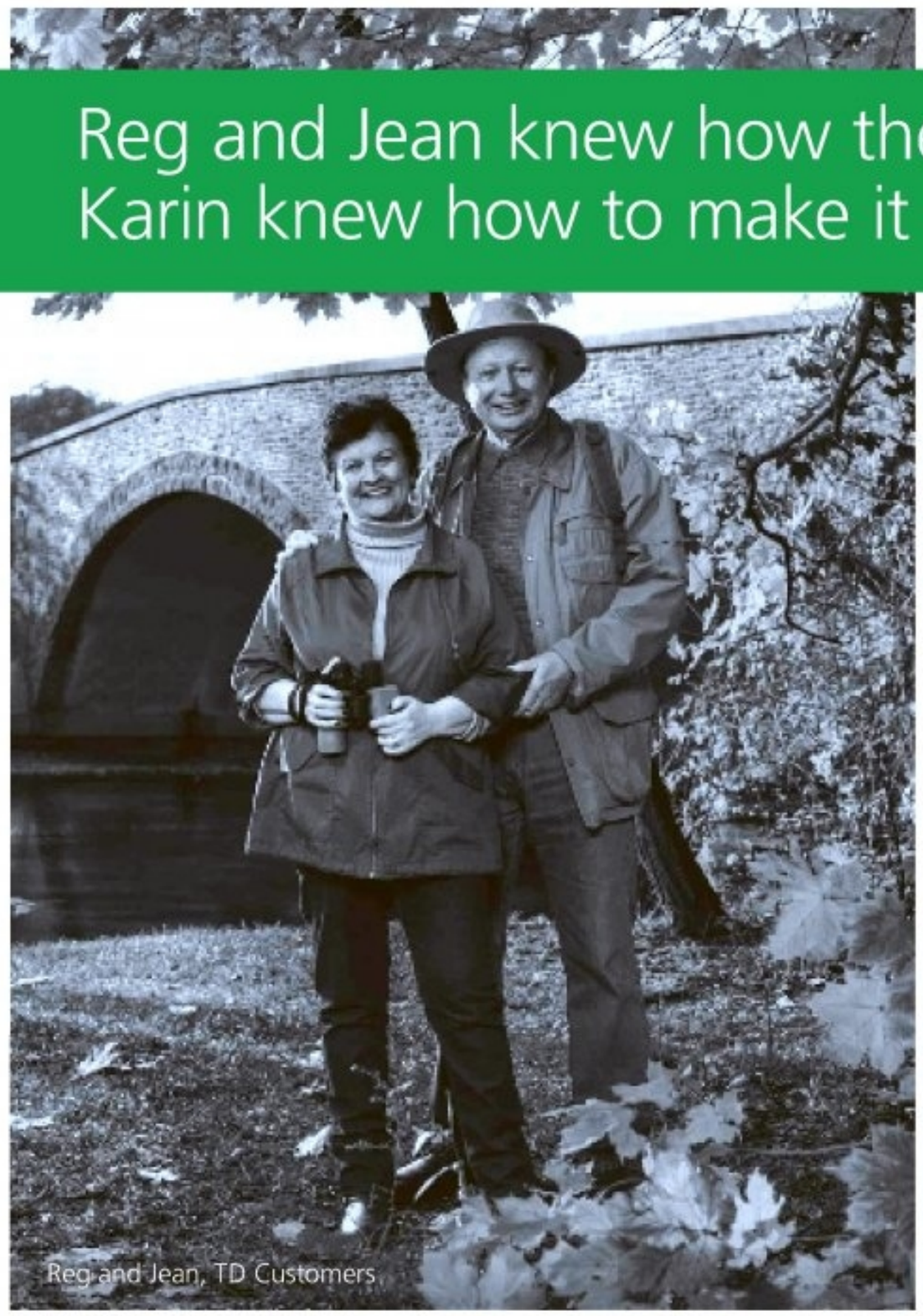

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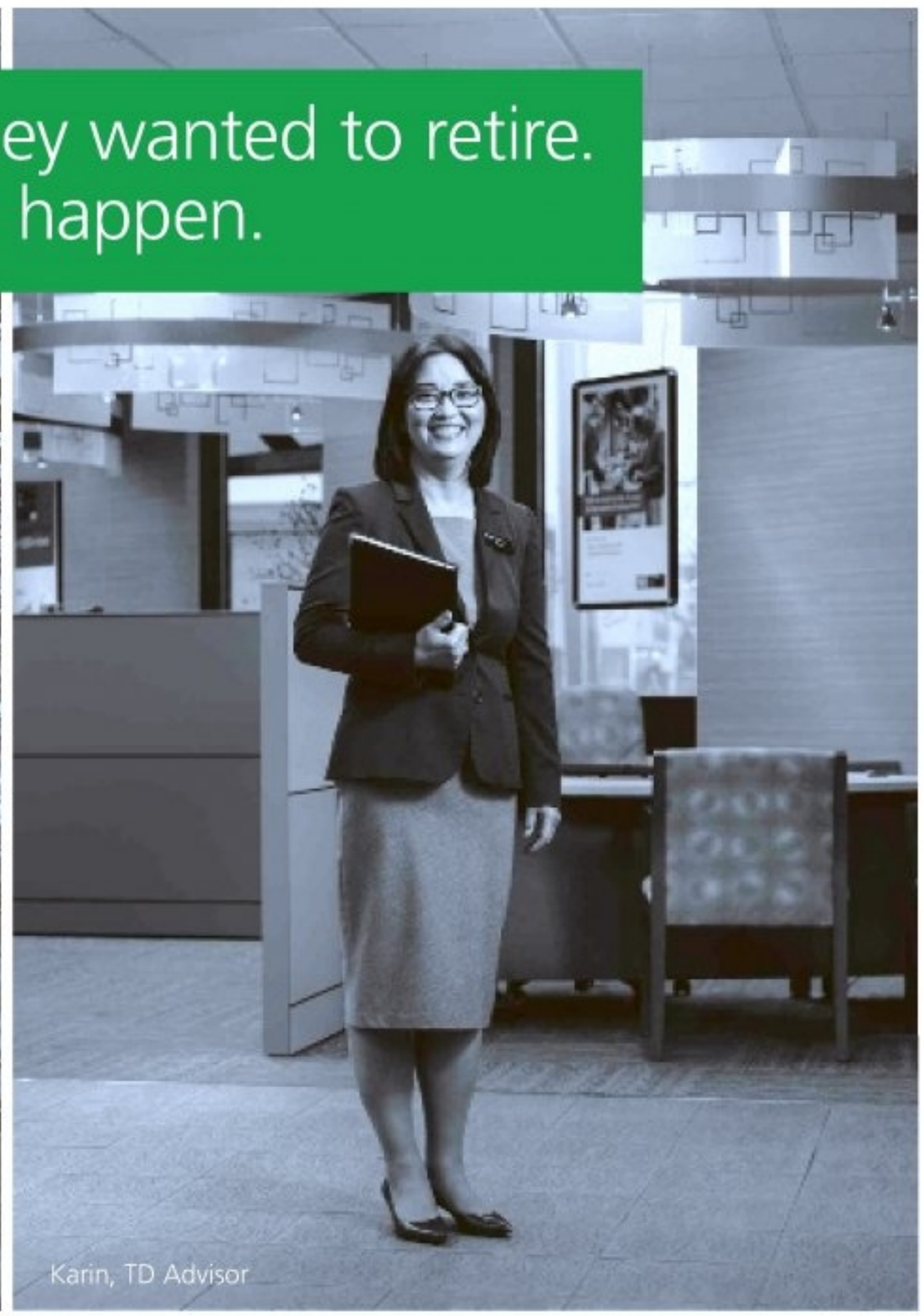

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Building a retirement fund beyond middle-age

Michelle Williams

You're nearly past your best earning years and your savings are negligible. Maybe it's because you've been raising your kids, paying down your mortgage and managing credit-card debt. Is it too late to start saving for retirement?

You may regret not starting earlier, but it's never too late to save.

"If you're not 71 years of age or older and if your taxable income is considerably higher now that it will be in retirement, then you still have time to be making RSP contributions," says Alan Cameron, investment advisor with Investment Planning Counsel. "The reasons are no different when you're middle-aged and beyond than when you're younger — you'll get a tax deferral now and pay less tax when you pull it out, assuming you'll be earning less."

The big difference is that there's less opportunity for your money to grow, as it won't be in your RSP as long and won't benefit from decades of compounding interest.

It's never too late to start saving for your retirement. ISTOCK

Time to get serious

"Often, we see people who haven't saved much in the past start to panic around age 50," says Jason Pereira, senior financial consultant with Woodgate Financial Inc. and Investment Planning Counsel. "It's unfortunate that people find themselves in this situation, but whether you've left it late or not, at some point you have to get serious about retirement savings or you may not retire in a lifestyle you'll be comfortable with."

According to Pereira, the question to ask yourself about your retirement savings is: Can you sustain the lifestyle you're accustomed to when you're no longer working? If the answer is no, now is definitely the time to get serious about your retirement savings.

You may also have to examine why you haven't been saving until now.

"If you're dealing with credit-card debt or refinancing your home, you're living beyond your means," says Pereira. "When you're spending more than you make when you're working, how can you ever expect a positive result when you're retired?" Those who don't save enough may either have to push back their retirement, change their current lifestyle or prepare for a very different standard of living in the future.

Changing the focus

The challenge isn't always overspending.

"Some investors choose to put all their money into paying off their mortgage. The focus is to pay off debt rather than to build equity," says Pereira. "When people don't invest in savings, they're ignoring a vital part of their future and think they can catch up later, but because you miss out on compounding interest, the longer you wait, the more money you'll need."

While RSPs are an excellent savings tool, their tax benefits may not be for everyone.

"If your earnings are lower, say $45,000 or less, you would want to be looking at tax-free savings accounts (TFSAs). Also, RSPs may not be the answer if your post-retirement income is too close to your pre-retirement income or you're always in the lowest tax bracket," Cameron suggests.

For those nearing retirement, it's more important than ever to get good advice.

"You may have to adjust your goals, make lifestyle changes and start ramping up your savings," says Cameron. "A financial advisor can help you with this, showing you the best ways to make smart choices to help you reach your goals before you retire."

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Sure, kale is packed with nutrients, but so are a dozen or so greens sitting largely ignored on the same grocery shelf. Give these less popular leafy greens a try for your next dinner **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

RAPINI

A cousin of broccoli, rapini is popular in Italian cooking where it's sautéed with lots of olive oil, garlic and chili flakes (and maybe sprinkled with some parmesan on top). People are often put off by its bitterness, but blanching it for a minute in salted boiling water before adding them to a hot pan helps bring out its sweetness and soften the woody stems. Serve the sautéed rapini as is for a side, toss it in penne with crumbled sausage or add it to an Italian meatball soup. **Bitterness rating: 4/5**

DANDELION

It's probably best to buy dandelion from the supermarket rather than pulling the ones from your backyard that have been getting a daily watering from the neighbourhood pets. Fiercely bitter, dandelion is best served in salads with an acidic dressing such as lemon juice and olive oil that will mellow out its harshness. Add thinly sliced oranges, grapefruit and fennel to further add an acidic sweetness to the bowl. **Bitterness rating: 5/5**

CHARD

This gorgeous leafy green has stems and veins that come in a rainbow of colours, from pale green to beet red to sunset yellow. Like kale, its stems are quite woody in texture, but don't throw away the part that's going to give your dish a pop of colour (and belly-satisfying fibre). Simply separate the stems from the leaves, chop the stems into smaller pieces and give them a head start in the sauté pan before adding the leaves. A pinch of salt and a clove of garlic will help to get rid of its bitter taste. **Bitterness rating: 3/5**

BOK CHOY

A staple in Chinese cooking, bok choy is characterized by its round leaves forming a bulblike shape at the bottom. Though its leaves may not be as dark as kale, bok choy is actually a nutritional powerhouse with high amounts of vitamins A and C as well as calcium. Do as the Chinese do and sauté bok choy with garlic in a bit of vegetable oil or add it to a bowl of noodle soup, dumplings or wontons. **Bitterness rating: 2/5**

WATERCRESS

As its name suggests, watercress thrives in wet environments and gives off a sweet, slightly peppery crunch. Give the leaves an extra good rinse to get rid of any sand or dirt before using it as a base for salads or a more flavourful alternative to spinach in sandwiches (and not just cucumber finger sandwiches at afternoon tea). Watercress also adds flavour to pork bone soups and is a staple in Chinese hot pot. For nutrition, watercress rivals kale with high amounts of vitamins K, C, A and B6. **Bitterness rating: 1/5**

COLLARDS

Celiac sufferers (and those still on the gluten-free bandwagon) should turn to collards when making wraps and rolls in lieu of tortillas and wheat-based wrappers. The leaves are large, flat and round, making it much easier to handle as a substitute for burger buns than kale. In the American south, collards are traditionally cooked with onions, pepper, garlic and bacon (a dish with roots dating back to the slave trade). In East African nations such as Kenya and Tanzania, collards, or sakuma wiki, have been eaten for centuries and are sautéed in oil with onions and salt to go with meat or ugali, a cornmeal mash. **Bitterness rating: 2/5**

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TRENDS

What makes 'glow' such a popular utterance?

From health food shops to beauty salons, the whole world seems to be aglow. Glowing cheeks, the Oh She Glows Cookbook, that pregnant glow, glow beauty magazine, glowing praise, GlamGlow skin care — the list, um, glows on. The word shouts radiance and health. You can aspire to glow. People will notice. And you'll feel fantastic too! Our desire to "glow" sees us buying everything from glow-titled books to glow-branded beauty products. But what makes this buzzword so luminous and appealing?

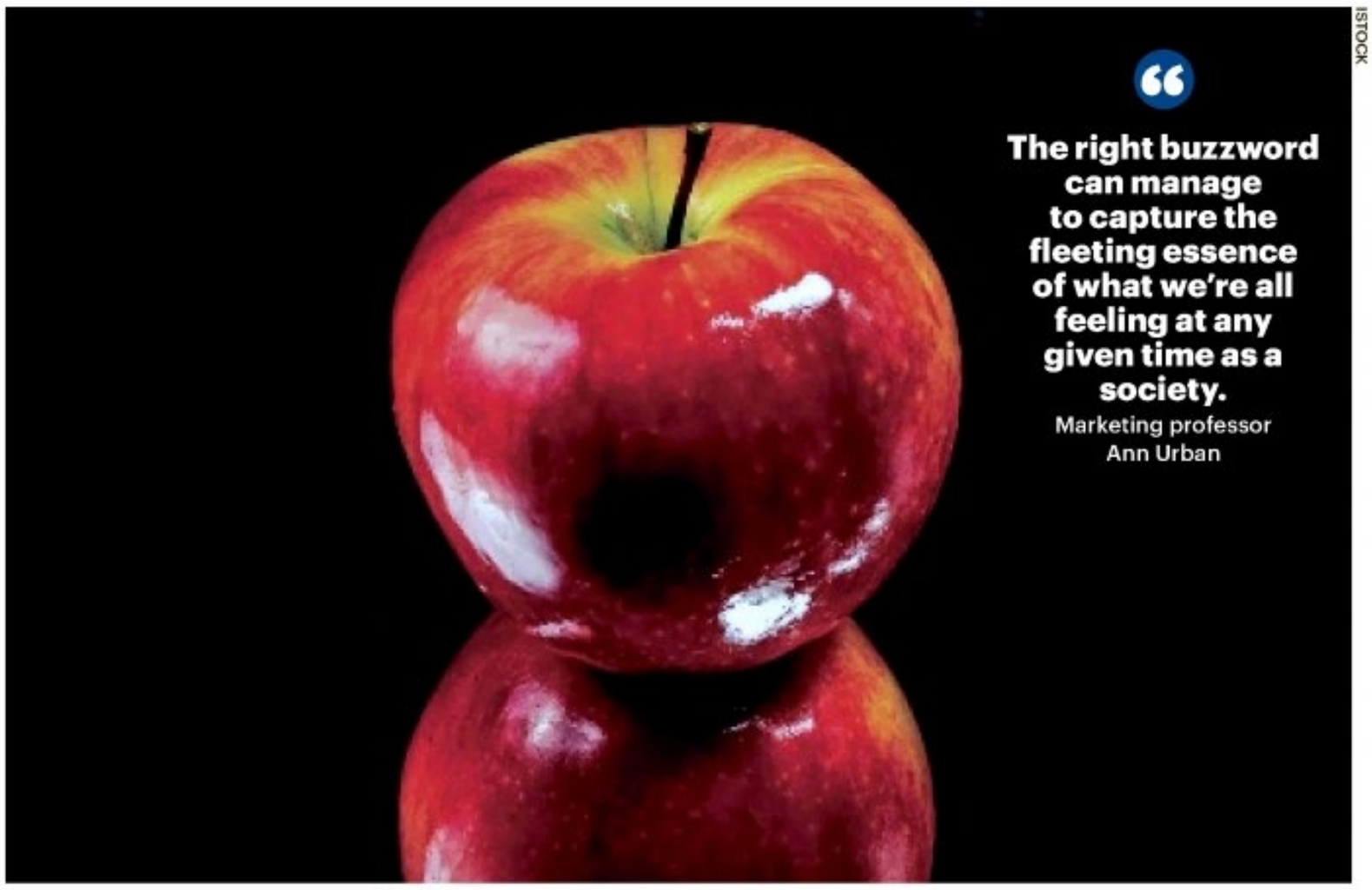
"The word 'glow' is often associated with being natural and healthy," Seneca College marketing professor Reza Alavie says.

According to Alavie, advertisers used "glow" as early as 1880 to sell womenswear.

"Go into a grocery store and try to buy an apple that isn't shiny. You can't. They cover apples in wax because they know it will attract customers. People are naturally drawn to shining and glowing things."

Our language, adds University of Toronto linguist J.K. Chambers, may account for much of the word's appeal.

"'Glow' comes from a plain old Germanic root that has been in the English language as long as there has been an English language," Chambers says. "It has the simple, honest feel that clings to old monosyllables, without any airs. Words that have similar meanings but are borrowed from other languages feel pretentious by comparison — 'aura' and 'effulgence' and 'luminosity' and 'brilliance,' all from Latin via Old French."



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> **The right buzzword can manage to capture the fleeting essence of what we're all feeling at any given time as a society.**
> Marketing professor Ann Urban

The world is aglow with this monosyllabic word

"Even 'glow-worms,'" he adds, "sound friendly because of the 'glow.' An old song says, 'Glow little glow-worm, glimmer, glimmer.' There is no such song about earthworms, intestinal worms or any other worms."

Ryerson University philosopher Elizabeth Trott suggests that our desire to "glow" may speak to a deeper yearning.

"Plato said when we learned more we would continue to seek the light of knowledge, and his metaphor in the famous cave analogy was moving toward the sun. Perhaps there is real unfulfilled need in human beings to be in, and aware of, natural light."

Locked in artificially illuminated worlds, Trott says modern humans especially long for natural light and warmth.

"Perhaps the market has identified the habit of heads down in artificial light, and so offers up the 'natural' glow through the appeal of products," Trott says. "And might it be very sad, that they have no idea what they are really missing?"

Ryerson University sociologist Paul Moore seems to think so too.

"We project our vitality, our desires and wishes onto the objects we buy and the stuff we surround ourselves with," Moore says. "It's then really easy, too easy, to substitute things that glow for our own glowing health or a healthy society. Some would say that quest for glow is actually a sign of concern or longing for a more meaningful life or a more vibrant society."

To advertising industry veteran and OCAD University marketing professor Ann Urban, buzzwords like "glow" appeal to both our need for simplification and human warmth in our complex and cold world.

"We turn to the promise of warm glowing embers in everything from our pillows to our pancetta to our skin creams," Urban says. "The right buzzword can manage to capture the fleeting essence of what we're all feeling at any given time as a society. 'Glow' is just that kind of word."

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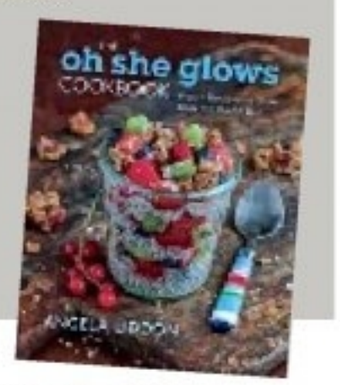
INSPIRATION

Finding the glow in healthy eating

"In 2008, I was in recovery for an eating disorder," says Canadian Angela Liddon, the New York Times best-selling cookbook author of Oh She Glows. "During recovery, my friend said she knew I was treating myself well because I had a 'glow' about me. Shortly after, I founded my website, Oh She Glows, to share my journey of healing and the plant-based recipes that helped me develop a healthy approach to food ... Glow, to me, means to radiate health and happiness from the inside out. When you're treating yourself well, and taking steps to follow your true passions in life, the glow is often a happy result."



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THIS WEEK: Snacks

Sushi sounds like a super healthy meal with rice, fish and veggies but some rolls will send you off the deep end nutritionally.

PICK THIS

Salmon Avocado Roll

Portion Roll (nine pieces)
Calories 320
Fat 4 g
Sodium 470 mg

SKIP THIS

Spicy Tuna Roll

Portion Roll (nine pieces)
Calories 670
Fat 18 g
Sodium 830 mg

HERE'S WHY

Equivalent to as much sodium and more calories as two Original Recipe Chicken Thighs from KFC.

The tuna is incredibly healthy but once mixed with the spicy sauce and mayonnaise-based wasabi aioli (which give the Spicy Tuna Roll its name and kick), it sinks the sushi when it comes to calories, fat and sodium. The addition of this fatty sauce adds almost double the sodium and calories, and 4.5 times the fat. That's without adding any soy sauce, which triples the sodium. Stick to a sauce-free roll – the Salmon Avocado Roll gives you all the good stuff. Try to pick a low-sodium soy sauce and use sparingly.

PUBLISHING

Designer Zac Posen pens new cookbook

Fashion designer Zac Posen has announced plans to turn a hobby he uses to "de-fashion" into a full-fledged cookbook.

Fans and Instagram followers of the New York-based designer may already have seen the news coming.

In between snaps of his latest collection, glimpses of his work studio, and his fabulous celebrity friends, Posen has also been posting photos of the meals he whips up at home.

Meals such as soba noodle soup with mini chicken quenelle (or dumpling) and asparagus; fried calamari; Kenchinjiru Buddhist vegetable soup; risotto with peas and porcini mushrooms; and strawberry rhubarb pie.

Recently, Posen officially announced plans to publish a collection of his recipes with Rodale on Instagram. "Thank you to my @instagram followers for your continuous excitement," he wrote alongside a snap of a meringue pie topped with edible flowers.

"You made this happen."

In an interview with Vogue, Posen credited his Instagram fans for planting the seed for the idea.

"If it had not been for the response from the followers on social media, I never would have taken the plunge and put a cookbook together," he said.

Posen also called cooking a hobby that allows him to "de-fashion" and described his culinary style as "rustic to refined."

If the meals on his Instagram account are anything to go by, fans can expect Asian — notably Japanese — influenced recipes, Italian dishes as well as French techniques, no doubt influenced by his French partner Christopher Niquet.

When he wasn't dreaming up ladies' fashions in his younger years, Posen says he was reading recipes in The New York Times, The Martha Stewart Living Cookbook, the French instructional guide La Varenne Pratique or watching the Discovery Channel's Great Chefs program.

The Zac Posen cookbook is scheduled to be released in the fall of 2017. AFP

DRINK PICK

Try a fresh white wine from Nova Scotia

You may be surprised to learn that some of the most interesting booze made in Canada is coming from Nova Scotia.

With a modern history well into its third decade, the province's wine industry has experienced rapid growth this decade with over a dozen wineries pressing juice from locally grown grapes.

Jost Vineyards was there at the beginning. The Jost family sold its holdings to Atlantic Canadian entrepreneur Carl Sparkes in 2012 and he has been leading the new wave of Nova Scotian wines ever since.

Nova Scotian winemakers do fresh, aromatic whites very well, with off-dry, lightly effervescent versions like Jost's 2014 Selkie Frizzante ($19.95) a casual-drinking tour de force. Try it on its own, with a charcuterie platter, or your favourite seafood recipe.

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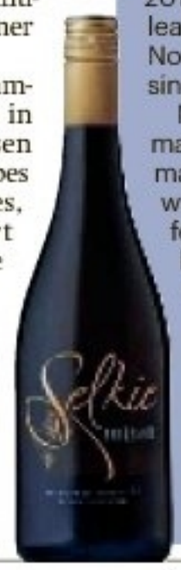

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Homemade teriyaki sauce tops it all

SIMPLY DELICIOUS

Savoury-sweet versatility means dinner can be ready in just minutes

If you're still using teriyaki sauce from a bottle, you're depriving yourself of the awesomeness that is homemade teriyaki.

Knowing how simple this potent sweet-savoury sauce is to put together might make parents feel better about serving it at dinner. It's so versatile, it can be slathered on whatever protein is at hand — chicken, steak, pork or salmon.

Teriyaki Sauce

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Makes 1 cup

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup seasoned rice vinegar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 2 tsp Sriracha (or other hot sauce)
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp ground ginger

Directions

Sauce

1. In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients and whisk until the sugar is dissolved.

Chicken

1. Slice boneless, skinless chicken breasts into thin strips. Add them to the sauce, then refrigerate up to 24 hours.

2. When ready to cook, set a wire rack over a rimmed baking sheet. Coat the rack with cooking spray. Arrange the chicken strips in an even layer on the rack, then set under the broiler on the oven's middle shelf for 3 to 5 minutes, or until just starting to brown. Flip the chicken pieces, then cook for another 3 to 5 minutes.

3. Pour the marinade into a small saucepan over medium-high and boil for 3 minutes. When the chicken comes out of the oven, drizzle the marinade over it.

Pork

1. Substitute pork tenderloin, similarly sliced, for the chicken breasts above and follow the same method.

An incredibly versatile and delicious teriyaki sauce recipe can be used on whatever protein is at hand: chicken, steak, pork or salmon (shown above). MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Steak

1. Cut a 1 1/2-pound flank steak against the grain into thin strips. Add to the teriyaki sauce and refrigerate for up to 24 hours.

2. When ready to cook, heat a large skillet over medium-high. Add a couple tablespoons of oil. When the oil is hot, use tongs to remove the steak from the marinade and add to the skillet. Cook for 2 to 4 minutes. You want it barely cooked.

3. Add the marinade to the pan and bring to a simmer. Cook for another 1 to 2 minutes. Serve the steak and sauce over rice or noodles.

Salmon

1. Arrange 4 salmon fillets on a foil-lined rimmed baking sheet. Brush each liberally with teriyaki sauce. Broil on the oven's middle shelf for 1 to 2 minutes, then brush with additional teriyaki.

2. Repeat this process 3 to 4 times, or until the salmon is just cooked and well glazed, a total of about 6 to 8 minutes under the broiler. Garnish with chopped scallions, sesame seeds or both.

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THE COLLECTIONS

Mamie Gummer stars in post-war fashion drama

Shooting has begun for a new drama The Collection, set in Paris after the Second World War about a family of fashion designers trying to bring haute fashion back into mode.

The eight-part family saga stars Richard Coyle, Tom Riley, Frances de la Tour and Mamie Gummer, the daughter of Meryl Streep.

Other stars include Jenna Thiam, Max Deacon, Irène Jacob, James Cosmo, Alix Poisson, Sarah Parish, Michael Kitchen, Michelle Gomez, Stanley Townsend, Allan Corduner, Alexandre Brasseur, Bethan-Mary James, Patrick Kennedy and Poppy Corby-Tuech.

The series is the vision of Oliver Goldstick, whose credits include Desperate Housewives, Ugly Betty, and Pretty Little Liars.

The project marks the first Franco-British co-production between BBC Worldwide, France 3 and Amazon Prime Video and Lookout Point. AFP

The Collection is about a family of fashion designers in Paris trying to bring haute dress back in style after WWII. CONTRIBUTED

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Rock 'n' roll but what's the point?

THE SHOW: Vinyl, Season 1, Episode 5 (HBO)
THE MOMENT: The Dance

The heady lives of a record mogul (Bobby Cannavale) and his wife (Olivia Wilde) are captured in the series Vinyl, without offering a deeper commentary on the lifestyle. CONTRIBUTED

New York City, 1973. Record mogul Richie Finestra (Bobby Cannavale, terrific) watches his wife Devon (Olivia Wilde) dancing sexily with Hannibal (Daniel J. Watts), a singer his label is wooing. They've been partying, snorting coke. The music is hot, the mood woozy.

At first Richie is into it. Until the dance becomes outright foreplay. Hannibal nuzzles Devon's neck, runs his hands down her red dress. He looks at Richie: How far will he let this go?

"You want a bump?" Richie asks, holding up the coke.

"I got a bump," Hannibal says, grinding his crotch into Devon's ass.

"Why, yes you do, sir," she coos.

"Right," Richie says, standing up. "We gotta run." He grabs Hannibal's cheeks. "You are a f—ing...god," he says. But they all know what he means.

Martin Scorsese, Mick Jagger and Terrence Winter (who ran Boardwalk Empire) created this series, so you can be sure that the milieu is fascinating (decaying New York; the clash of punk, rock and disco) and the mise en scene impeccable ('70s moustaches, subway graffiti). There are orgies, egos, and all sorts of icons wandering through: Bowie, Warhol, Nico. Immersive performances make us feel the power of music.

But five episodes in, I've yet to see what this show is actually about — in the way that Treme was about righteous anger and Boardwalk Empire was about American corruption. The scene above is the first one that felt truly dangerous to me. As titillating as sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll are, I want something deeper.

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Sentra gets a whole new look this year

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REVIEW

Nissan does a great job with this fine tune

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada

In the brutally competitive automotive world, vehicles have to stay fresh. That's why, only three years after Nissan introduced an all-new Sentra compact sedan, it's now giving it a styling makeover for 2016.

The engine doesn't change, although the automatic continuously-variable transmission (CVT) is tweaked for better performance.

The big difference is in the exterior styling, and the Sentra gets an entirely new look from the windshield forward.

It looks a lot like a smaller-scale Nissan Altima, with its chrome-accented grille and boomerang-shaped headlamps.

Pricing starts at $15,898 for a base model (although it's $18,998 to get one with air conditioning), while the mid-range SV trim with CVT, which Nissan says is the best-selling model, is $19,998.

The Sentra uses a 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine that works well in most driving conditions, although you'll probably wish for a bit more power on hard acceleration, such as highway passing.

But while CVTs can often be noisy and feel rubbery when mated to lower-horsepower engines, Nissan has done a great job fine-tuning this one. Its performance is barely noticeable, and that's a compliment.

Other changes include improvements to the steering, which is stiffer and which makes for more comfortable driving on the highway.

The ride is bigger-car comfortable, and extra attention paid to sound-deadening makes for an extremely quiet cabin.

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There are few styling changes to the interior, other than a new steering wheel and a slightly different centre stack and console.

There are some new features, though, including an available six-way power driver's seat, and in the upper trim levels, electronic safety technologies such as blind spot monitoring, cross-traffic alert, emergency braking, and adaptive cruise control that automatically adjusts its speed to traffic ahead.

These positive changes shake up the Sentra, but not the segment. It's competitive but still not a heads-above standout as far as the driving experience goes.

That said, it's well-priced compared to other compact sedans with similar features, and it's definitely worthy of a second look when you're in the market for something new.

THE CHECKLIST | NISSAN SENTRA 2016

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, five-passenger compact sedan
Engine. (hp/torque). 1.8-litre four-cylinder (130/128)
Transmissions. Six-speed manual or CVT
Price. $15,898 - $25,998 (plus destination)

COOL FEATURES

- Apple Siri
- Driver's auto up/down window
- Easy-Fill tire pressure system
- Available leather seats
- Rearview camera
- Auto-dimming interior mirror
- Satellite radio

MAIN AND INTERIOR PHOTOS: JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO; OTHERS HANDOUT

POINTS

- Canadians buy more sunroof-equipped models than any other country, so Nissan has added one as an option to the mid-level SV.
- An available suite of apps lets you call for assistance, remotely lock or unlock the vehicle, and set boundaries for younger drivers from your phone.

MARKET POSITION

- Compacts make up the largest share of car sales in Canada, but Nissan has seldom been able to get close to leaders like Honda and Toyota. Freshening up this sedan should gain it a little more attention

THE COMPETITION

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R18

Audi releases hybrid racecar

Audi will enter the 2016 motorsport season with the most powerful and efficient hybrid racecar it has ever built. Audi says the R18 represents the next stage in lightweight design, and has a modified hybrid system with lithium-ion batteries for energy storage.

TEXT AND PHOTOS WHEELBASE MEDIA

RAV4

Toyota's hybrid mini enters SUV market

Toyota's Canadian-built RAV4 small utility vehicle gets a gasoline-electric hybrid option for 2016, making it the only hybrid available in the hotly contended smaller SUV segment. Despite delivering higher fuel economy than the base model, the all-wheel-drive RAV4 Hybrid is actually more powerful with combined peak power of 194 horsepower. That makes it the quickest RAV4 model, capable of getting to 96 km/h from rest in 8.1 seconds, which is about a second quicker than with the base engine. The hybrid is rated at 6.9 l/100 km in the city and 7.6 on the highway. The gas-only RAV4 with the optional all-wheel-drive system is rated at 10.5/8.2.

THE GREEN ANGLE

Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

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Fiat Chrysler Automobiles has invested $40 million US in FCA Transport, the company's own truck fleet, to convert its 179 Detroit-based parts haulers to run on compressed natural gas rather than traditional diesel. Prior to the changeover, the fleet used nearly 10 million litres of diesel fuel a year while driving about 25 million kilometres delivering parts to assembly plants.

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Meet the 2016 Buick Avista

At every Detroit auto show, there's a car star. For the 2016 event, it was the Buick Avista concept. This is just the most recent sensational piece of design work from the company as the four-door Avenir garnered much praise at the 2015 show. But, what's the point if it's not going to be built? Well, the Avista is actually based on a production chassis, so Buick appears to at least be open to idea of building it, for real. **JEFF MELNYCHUK** WHEELBASE MEDIA

1 Wheels
The Avista has the exact same wheelbase (distance between the front and rear wheels) as the Chevrolet Camaro, and it also has rear-wheel-drive. The "Alpha" platform is also used for the Cadillac ATS and CTS.

2 Engine
The engine is a 400-horsepower twin-turbocharged 3.0-litre V6 with an eight-speed automatic transmission.

3 Seats
Multi-panel seats are generally lighter and use less material than conventional chairs. More concepts have these, which means they're getting close to production.

4 Design
Wide hips and narrow back glass is very Aston Martin or Jaguar.

5 Dashboard
This dash layout is way out there, but a production car would likely have all LCD display with no physical dials.

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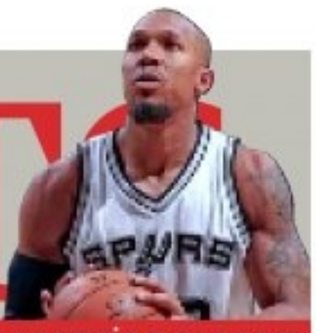


"There's no big mystery or anything like that ... find a formula that works, and stick with it": David West on the Spurs' decades-spanning success

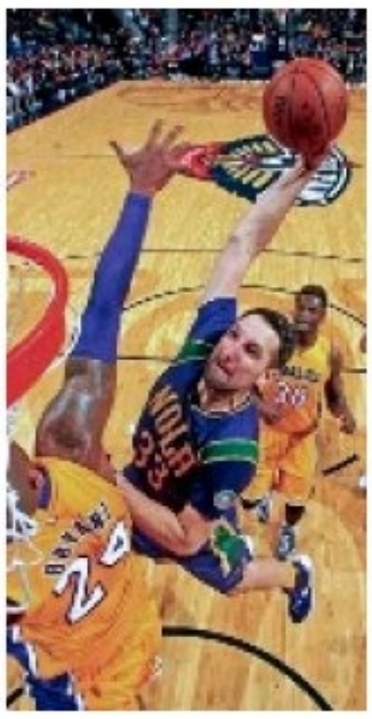
5 PLAYERS LINKED TO THE RAPTORS IN TRADE TALKS

The NBA's trade deadline looms and its 3 p.m. Thursday cutoff can feel like a storm warning for basketball fans, players and executives. In Toronto, Raptors fans wonder what fate might await their team. An upgrade at power forward has been the stuff of online fodder since the start of the season, but will GM Masai Ujiri make a move with his team in second place in the Eastern Conference and DeMarre Carroll and James Johnson due back from injury? Here are some of the names that have been tied to the Raptors as a possible storm of transactions hangs over the league.

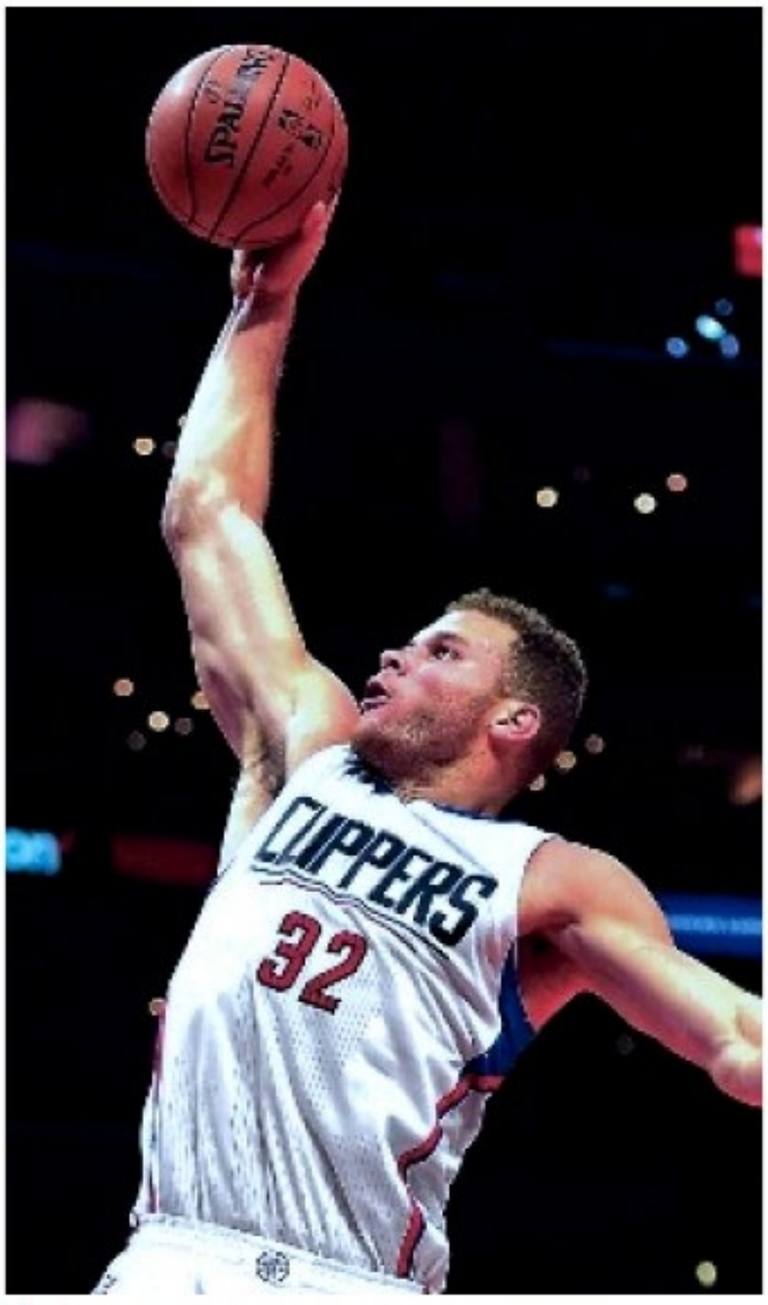
1 THADDEUS YOUNG, 76ers

2015-16 stats: 15.1 PPG, 9.1 REB, 1.7 AST
Salary: $11.2M in 2016, runs through 2018-19
Young would provide a nice offensive spark at the four-spot, something that's been hit-and-miss at times from the Raptors' present players. He's also a solid rebounder, posing a nightly double-double threat. Young isn't a good three-point shooter (21.7 per cent this year), however, which doesn't fit with what the Raptors have in their present power forwards, Luis Scola and Patrick Patterson, who are also strong defenders.

2 RYAN ANDERSON, Pelicans



2015-16 stats: 16.7 PPG, 5.9 REB, 0.4 BLK
Salary: $8.5M, final year of contract
Anderson is enjoying one of the best years of his career on a bad Pelicans team. Because of that, the free-agent to be is prime trade bait and there are parts of his game — like his three-point shooting and general defensive abilities — that suggest he'd fit. It would probably be a high cost to keep Anderson beyond this season, but the possibility of playoff success could make that a mutually beneficial arrangement come July.



3 BLAKE GRIFFIN, Clippers

2015-16 stats: 23.2 PPG, 8.7 REB, 5.0 AST
Salary: $18.9M, contract runs through 2017-18
The Raptors are an elite player away from being legitimate contenders and a Griffin-type player, a true superstar in the league, would vault them into that universe. He makes too much money and commands too much on the trade market, though. That'd mean DeMar DeRozan's expiring deal once he opts out at the end of the season, Kyle Lowry, or DeMarre Carroll and then some combination of bench players to make salaries work. It's not worth it to break up a team with promise and take steps back while acquiring Griffin, who, don't forget, broke his hand in Toronto in January, punching out his team's equipment manager.

4 AL HORFORD, Hawks

2015-16 stats: 15.3 PPG, 6.9 REB, 1.5 BLK
Salary: $12M, final year of contract
Maybe the best fit of all of these scenarios for the Raptors, Horford's name has popped up in trade rumours as the Hawks have struggled to match last year's success. He and Paul Millsap have been the leaders of Atlanta's selfless style and he'd be welcomed by Toronto and many other suitors. Horford would command a ton of assets in a trade and/or a ton of money as a free agent this summer.

5 KENNETH FARIED, Nuggets

2015-16 stats: 12.5 PPG, 8.9 REB, 1.0 BLK
Salary: $11.2M, contract runs through 2018-19
An athletic, hard-working player, Faried has been consistent since he got into the league in 2011. He's good for just under a modest double-double a night and routinely gets fans out of their seats with big plays. The length of Faried's contract would pull money away from the Raptors, however, even with the cap increasing next season. Are the Raptors better off to wait until free agency, or hope their first-round pick via New York this year can pan out into something more worthwhile?

+ OTHER POTENTIAL TRADE TARGETS

- Pau Gasol
- P.J. Tucker
- Taj Gibson
- Markieff Morris

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Nylander's eyes fixed on big time

AHL

In-form Marlie scoring well but dreaming of being a Leaf

William Nylander knows he can't ask the question of management. Still, he wonders constantly about the prospect of playing for the Maple Leafs.

Nylander returned to action for the Toronto Marlies in late January after missing a month due to a concussion, but his goals remain much grander than the American Hockey League for the weeks and months ahead.

"My only goal is to play in the NHL this year," Nylander said. "That's my only goal right now other than winning the Calder Cup."

Nylander admits he constantly thinks about playing in the National Hockey League. He can't really escape the thought of it while playing in the same city as the Maple Leafs and watching their games night after night.

"You just try to focus on what you can do and nothing else," he said. "In the end it's what you do that's going to get you to the NHL." The eighth overall pick in the 2014 NHL Draft, Nylander enjoyed a strong first half this season before he suffered a concussion playing for Sweden at the world junior hockey championship in Helsinki.

Cutting across the ice in a Boxing Day game against Switzerland, Nylander was drilled by forward Chris Egli. He thought he had more time to escape the hit. "I didn't see him coming," Nylander said Tuesday after a midday off-ice workout.

He missed the rest of the tournament in Finland with his first concussion and sat out upon his return to North America too.

Nylander said he didn't experience any of the stinging symptoms usually associated with concussions but was unable to pass one element of the protocol required for medical clearance. He skated on his own for a couple weeks before rejoining the Marlies on Jan. 29.

"I think he's been pretty good considering that he just had a concussion," said Kasperi Kapanen, his linemate and best friend with the Marlies.

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Number of points William Nylander has in five games for the Marlies since his return from injury.

The AHL scoring leader before the injury, the 19-year-old Nylander has six points in five games upon his return for the first-place Marlies. He's still looming as a threat for the league scoring crown.

But as he's quick to note, that's not really the goal. He remains focused on getting to the NHL. "You watch every game and stuff," he said. "So of course you think about it."

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PSG EARN 1ST-LEG EDGE OVER BLUES Paris Saint-Germain's Marco Verratti (bottom) fights for the ball with Chelsea's Eden Hazard during the round of 16 first leg. Zlatan Ibrahimovic opened the scoring for PSG before a rare Obi Mikel goal levelled it for Chelsea. Edison Cavani netted the winner in the 78th minute. FRANCK FIFE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Pistons trade for forward Harris in push for playoffs

With a playoff spot within reach this year, the Detroit Pistons made a trade they hope will benefit them both now and in the future.

The Pistons acquired forward Tobias Harris from Orlando on Tuesday in a deal that sent guard Brandon Jennings and forward Ersan Ilyasova to the Magic. The 23-year-old Harris gives Detroit an athletic young player who signed a $64 million, four-year deal last summer.

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Commissioner Goodell earned $34M in 2014

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell earned just over $34 million US for 2014, according to the league's tax filing released Tuesday.

That total is down from 2013 ($35 million) and 2012, when Goodell collected $44.2 million. The payments for 2014 — a difficult season for the league and the commissioner included a $26.5-million bonus.

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RECIPE Slow Cooker Beef Chili

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For Metro Canada

Can you think of anything better than returning home to a bowl of slow-cooked deliciousness?

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 8 hours, 10 minutes
Makes 4 to 6 servings

Ingredients
- 1 lb ground beef
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1 celery stick, diced
- 1 can diced tomatoes (14 oz)
- 1 can chickpeas (14 oz)
- 1 can tomato paste (5.5 oz)
- 1 Tbsp chili powder
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/4 tsp dried mustard
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- Chopped green onion for garnish

Directions
1. Place ground beef in your slow cooker and break it up with a wooden spoon. Add the rest of the ingredients and give the whole thing a big stir to blend.
2. Cook on low for 8 hours. Serve with some chopped green onion for garnish.

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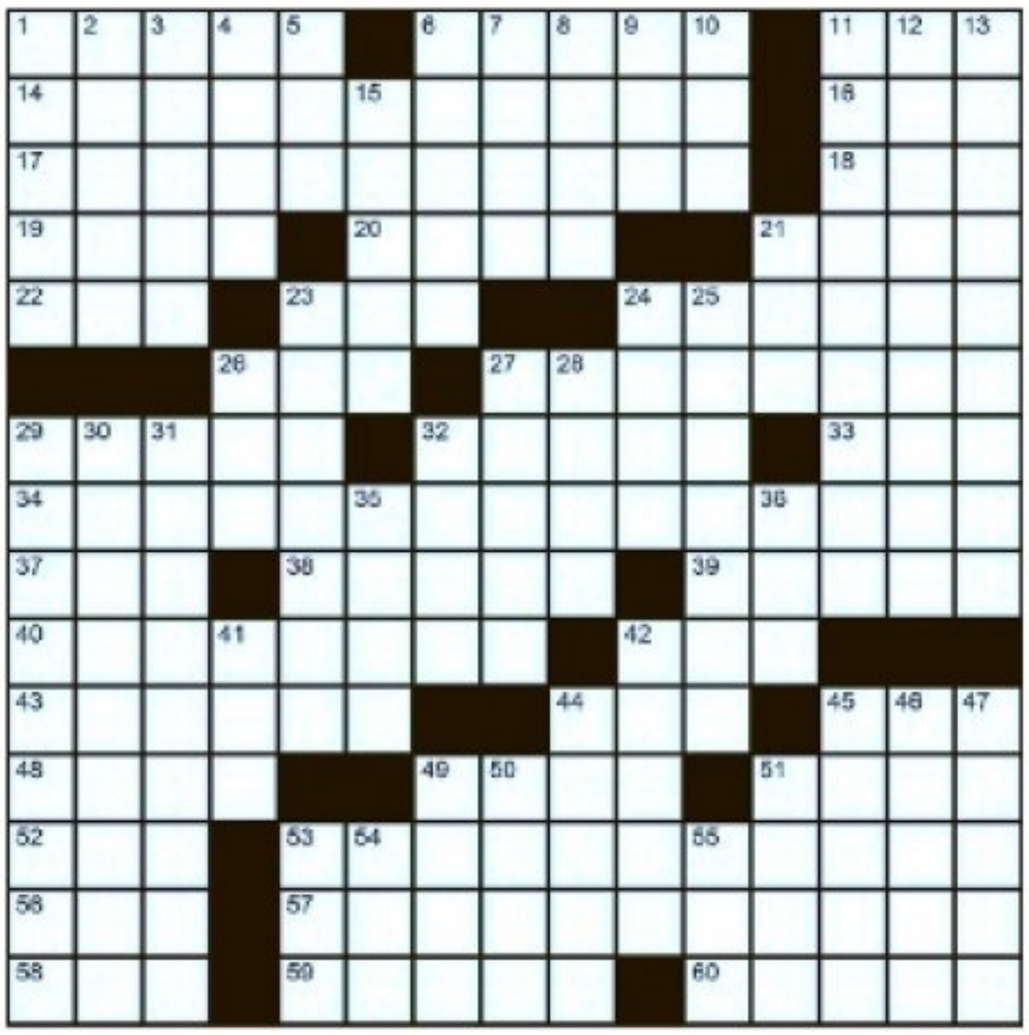
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Construe
6. Bloodhound's 'bait'
11. Mil. rank
14. Five star accommodation: 2 wds.
16. The Altar constellation
17. Sobeys private food brand
18. Name: French
19. "Misty" bit: "..._ _ helpless as a kitten up a tree..."
20. Hawaiian coffee
21. Free pass, fun-style
22. Canada's money [abbr.]
23. Vintage auto
24. Aphrodite's beau
26. Diced tomatoes = Tomates en _
27. Reprimand
29. _ salts
32. "Wide World of Sports" hosting legend Jim
33. Aunt, in Italy
34. Camelot, Sir Lancelot and a whole lot more: 2 wds.
37. View
38. Upbeat dance, _ Hop
39. Prod
40. They say it's just these Sgt. Joe Friday is interested in: 2 wds.
42. Heavy wts.
43. Emulate: 2 wds.
44. 17th letter spelling
45. Nova Scotia hrs.
48. South Dakota dam
49. Egg warmers
51. Texter's "The way I see it..."
52. Driver's 4x4, commonly
53. Ryan Gosling, when he co-starred with Britney, Christina and Justin
56. PBS funding org.
57. 1970s cowboy decorations
58. Stuck keyboard letter here
59. Locales
60. "There is no _ _ what we can do together." - Paul McCartney

DOWN
1. Charlton Heston/Sophia Loren movie: 2 wds.
2. Il _ (Cathedral in Florence, Italy)
3. Maya archaeological site in Mexican state Yucatan
4. Baking amounts
5. Schubert's The _-King
6. Li'l Abner creature
7. Filmmakers Joel or Ethan
8. Sicily volcano
9. Earnings
10. Motley Crue drummer ...his initials-sharers
11. Sainted
12. Favourable
13. Wild house party 'hat'
15. "Frightful!"
21. Debating side
23. Dan Aykroyd's character Beldar is from what planet?
24. Lawyer Ms. Clooney
25. Woman who has gained respect in her field
26. Play-_
27. Mil. schools
28. Lettered label
29. Headed for The Maritimes
30. Warmed the oven beforehand
31. British Columbia: Migratory rainbow trout
32. Certain candy
35. Pasta alternative
36. Mr. Van Sant
41. "Yuck!"
42. Elephant weapons
44. Body bendees
45. Rectify
46. Paper piece
47. Body
49. Eight: French
50. Anglo-Saxon toiler
51. Triumph's "Lay _ _ the Line"
53. Married title
54. "_, _ get it now!" (Aha!)
55. French season

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You have learned a lot in recent weeks and now you must start to apply it, even if it means the kind of upheavals you usually try to avoid.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Look for compromise solutions, instead of making more enemies. The planets warn if you insist on getting your own way it will cause unnecessary ill feeling and more problems than it manages to solve.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Some people talk for the sake of talking but you're not one of them, are you? Cut short meaningless gossip and focus only on what is of genuine importance. Don't worry if you hurt others' feelings.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
What happens next should ease your money troubles. Your luck is about to turn but make sure you are the one who gets the benefits.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You'll learn something today that will help you make sense of what up until now has seemed largely irrational. For best results, be open to new possibilities and believe that there is meaning behind everything.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Face up to aspects of your personality that you usually keep well hidden, even from yourself. Be honest with yourself about some of your more negative thoughts — then find ways to transform them into positives.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you don't like the situation you find yourself in then change it. You are not now, nor have you ever been, a victim, so stop complaining that life is unfair and do something about it.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The choices you make over the next 48 hours will be crucial as far as your work is concerned, so think and then act. Decide what your number one priority is and focus on that.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you do nothing else today at least aim high, both at home and at work, because there is no limit to how much can be accomplished. A little bit of self-belief will go a long way. Think how far a lot might take you!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Get your cashflow situation in order. With Venus moving in your favour it shouldn't be hard. If you need help, don't be afraid to ask for it. You won't be refused.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A dispute will break out today but you have been through this before, so don't worry. The situation may be different but the emotions are the same. That's good: it means you won't make the same mistakes twice.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Let where you are going, rather than where you are coming from, be your guide. The choices you make will influence your life for months to come, so make them wisely.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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